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Air Awakens (Air Awakens Series Book 1)



Synopsis

Described as, "Avatar: The Last Airbender meets Harry Potter meets Throne of Glass." Millions of pages read. Start the debut fantasy from USA TODAY Bestselling author Elise Kova. A library apprentice, a sorcerer prince, and an unbreakable magic bond...The Solaris Empire is one conquest away from uniting the continent, and the rare elemental magic sleeping in seventeen-year-old library apprentice Vhalla Yarl could shift the tides of war. Vhalla has always been taught to fear the Tower of Sorcerers, a mysterious magic society, and has been happy in her quiet world of books. But after she unknowingly saves the life of one of the most powerful sorcerers of them all--the Crown Prince Aldrik--she finds herself enticed into his world. Now she must decide her future: Embrace her sorcery and leave the life she's known, or eradicate her magic and remain as she's always been. And with powerful forces lurking in the shadows, Vhalla's indecision could cost her more than she ever imagined. #1 Bestseller in Epic Fantasy #1 Bestseller in YA Sword & Sorcery Fantasy

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Customer Reviews

Air Awakens by Elise Kova has quickly become one of my favorite reads this year. Full disclosure? I honestly picked this book up because I had seen it around bookstagram and loved the cover! I know, I know, you can't judge a book by its cover. But sometimes, actually more often than not, I find this tactic works out for me. On to what I thought of the WORDS in the book: Everything about this book was magical and not just because it's about magic! Vhalla is thrown into a world that she's been taught to fear and hate. A world that is "wrong" in the eyes of her people. She learns that she possesses magic herself. In denial she tries to hide this from herself. Watching as Vhalla comes to terms with her new reality, while growing closer to the most powerful sorcerer, Prince Aldrik was quite a journey. The ending left me begging for more. So of course I immediately had to run out and grab the rest of this series! I started reading Air Awakens on Monday and finished Friday afternoon of a VERY busy week. I couldn't stop. I loved the characters and the world that Elise Kova created and I absolutely cannot wait to continue reading this series. I'm excited to see what's next for these characters.

My thoughts when finishing this book: IT'S NOT FAIR!!!! Ugh! What a bittersweet, totally unfair, totally realistic ending. *growl* And now I shall pick up the next book. ;-) Okay, okay, I was DYING to read this book for so long!! I even tracked down a hardcover version because of that cover. THAT COVERRRRR!! It's like anime meets YA -- two of my favorite things. **CHARACTERS** I always give props to an author who can make me hate a character and then love that same character all in one book. Prince Aldrik... you are quite likeable. In a weirdly confusing dislikable way. :P Okay, this review isn't helping anyone so far. Characters were done well. Developed, interesting, but not TOO complex. It made the story very easy to follow. I didn't like Aldrik at first. I also didn't like Baldair at first. Both of those changed. :P I...uh...never really liked (*looks up his name*) Sareem. So, like, yeah. **PLOT** This story was not really plot driven. It seemed to be carried mainly by the mystery of "What is a Windwalker?" For a while, I wasn't sure why I should keep reading the story. While the characters were interesting, they didn't demand I finish their stories. I kept reading mainly because I was in the right mood and the story was interesting. That being said, a whole bunch of plot popped up in the last 1/4 of the book, which has led me to believe that book two Fire Falling will be SUPER plot-driven. And there was just something about the discovery of elemental magic in a world of princes and wars that made me want to read, read, read. **LANGUAGE, VIOLENCE, AND THAT

OTHER STUFF**LANGUAGE was scattered, but not excessive. Still, enough to warrant a warning if I were to lend out the book. Frequent used words: da**, ba****, sh**VIOLENCE was pretty tame until the "big ending", which remained more magic-violence, but some of the descriptions of plodding over dead bodies in the streets made me feel a tad ill. THAT OTHER STUFF was implied more than I prefer when recommending novels and I know the author has said that there is sex in future books. No sex in this one, but the characters have all had sex in their pasts and there's also a brief mention of masturbation. For these reasons, I'd only recommend the book after giving a detailed disclaimer.**OVERALL**I really enjoyed this book a lot, despite some of the "mature content" I don't like. But the concept in general was intriguing, the delivery of elemental magic was done in a unique way that makes me want to learn more about it. I'd recommend it to those who enjoy fantasy, but don't mind a bit of grittiness. Some similar books are Storm Siren by Mary Weber and Defy by Sara B. Larson.

Let me start with UGH THIS BOOK. Kova did a great job with drawing me in and keeping me hooked. Whenever I (unwillingly) withdrew from the book, I kept screaming in my head: "ALDRIK-VHALLA-ALDRIK-VHALLA". Aldrik's character was incredibly maddening and Vhalla's passion and stubbornness is infectious. However, with such traits, it seemed strange that she would, during many other moments, remain timid and fidgety, as though unsure of who she was and the strength that she supposedly had. I personally thought that if character has certain traits, their personality - regardless of stature and position - is dominated by those traits and the opposite traits cannot really exist. Aldrik's younger brother began to piss me off as did Vhalla's naivete at remaining friendly with him when all other instances suggest that he most likely has ulterior motives. All in all, I am excited for the second book to come out and might possibly purchase a physical copy of this (which is the highest standard in my opinion) depending on the rest of the series.

So glad I found out this book! I kept hearing about this book and it didn't take me long to buy it and immerse in the story. The world in which takes place it's very interesting, there's still much to discover which I'm sure we will on the following books. We have great characters in Vhalla and Aldrik. She starts more as a fearful girl but you can see there's fire in her, she'll become stronger and a force to be reckoned with. And Aldrik, oh well, it's hard not to fall for him, he has that brooding dark prince aura that's simply irresistible, but he's much more than that and seeing him and Vhalla together it's amazing!! The story is fast paced, and I think there's something for everyone in this book. You should definitely take the time to read this!

I had significant difficulty getting into the story, but it is hard for me to pinpoint why. I usually put a book down, if after fifty pages I'm not engaged. Not sure why but I didn't stop at fifty, even though I wasn't sure that I wanted to continue, but I did go on. By the time I got to the seventy-fifth page, I couldn't put it down. The rest of the series has been stellar. The author's handling of sorcery is different than what I am used to reading (and that may have been why it was difficult for me to get into), but I soon appreciated that difference. The characters are well written and easy to identify with. There are numerous plots and subplots, and it is hard to tell who is good or bad, which keeps a reader intrigued. There is also a high degree of description, but it adds depth and color to the story. The love story is also wonderful and heart-wrenching. I will say nothing more about the story, itself, because letting the plots pull you in is most entertaining. I highly recommend this series.

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